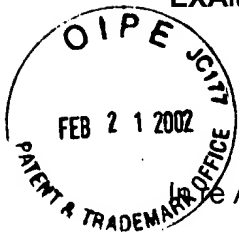


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Hajime KOJIMA et al.

Serial No.: 09/184,587

Group Art Unit: 2167

Confirmation No.:

Filed: November 3, 1998

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, having a shortened period for response set to expire on January 22, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 22, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 7, 15, 17, 25-29, and 34 as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A witness system, comprising:
payment document making means for making a payment document aggregating one or more buyer records, the payment document being based on one or more seller records sent from a seller, and the buyer records corresponding to the seller records;

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	Filing Date	November 3, 1998	
	First Named Inventor	Hajime Kojima et al.	
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED	110.00	Examiner Name	F.J. Bartuska

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/01)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	- 35 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	11	- 11 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>January 22, 2002</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$920); 4 months (\$1,440); 5 months (\$1,960)):					110.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320)					0.00
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)					0.00
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 110.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 110.00

- (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".
 (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
 (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
 (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
 Deposit Account No. 19-3935
 Deposit Account Name STAAS & HALSEY LLP
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name	Christine J. Gilsdorf	Reg. No.	43,635
Signature	<i>C. Joan Gilsdorf</i>	Date	2/21/02